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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the following surveys conducted by the Idaho Field Office: the December Quarterly Agricultural Survey, the Acreage and Production Survey, the Mint Survey, the Grain Stocks Survey, and the Dry Bean Survey. In addition to acreage, yield, and production for selected crops, winter wheat seedings for the 2010 crop are reported.

My thanks to survey participants for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho 2009 Crop Estimates

Idaho's potato production totaled 131 million cwt, up 12 percent from 2008. Average yield from the 319,000 harvested acres was 411 cwt per acre, 28 cwt more than 2008 and 25 cwt above the previous record yield set in 2006.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 5.59 million tons, up 54 percent from 2008's production. Harvested acreage, at 163,000, was up 47,000 acres from 2008. Yield of 34.3 tons per acre, was up 3.1 tons from last year.

All wheat production in Idaho totaled 99.1 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2008. Average yield of 79.3 bushels per acre was up from 73.8 bushels per acre in 2008. Acres harvested totaled 1.25 million, down 80,000 acres from 2008. Idaho's 2009 winter wheat crop totaled 56.7 million bushels from 700,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from 2008's 60.0 million bushels. The average yield of 81.0 bushels per acre is up 6 bushels from 2008. The State's spring wheat production totaled 40.8 million bushels from 530,000 harvested acres, up 9 percent from 2008. Average yield of 77.0 bushels per acre was up 5 bushels from 2008. Idaho's 2009 durum wheat production totaled 1.62 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres, up 122 percent from 2008. The average yield for durum was 81.0 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from 2008.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 48.5 million bushels from 510,000 harvested acres, down 3 percent from 2008's production.

The average yield of 95.0 bushels per acre was up 9 bushels from 2008 and a new record high for Idaho. Oat production, at 1.95 million bushels, was up 41 percent from 2008. Producers harvested 25,000 acres and averaged 78.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 5.53 million tons from 1.51 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.59 million tons from 1.41 million acres in 2008. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.66 tons per acre, down from 3.96 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop production totaled 803,000 tons from 80,000 harvested acres.

Corn harvested for grain totaled 14.4 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain totaled 80,000. Yield was estimated at 180.0 bushels per acre, up from 170.0 bushels per acre last year and a new record high. Corn harvested for silage was 5.91 million tons, up 2 percent from last year and also a new record high. Average yield from 215,000 harvested acres was 27.5 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from last year.

Dry Bean production totaled 1.98 million cwt, up 35 percent from 2008. Average yield from 99,000 harvested acres was 2,000 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from 2008.

Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 779,000 cwt, up 44 percent from 2008's production. Average yield from 41,000 harvested acres was 1,900 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds from the previous year. Idaho's 2009 lentil production totaled 650,000 cwt, up 85 percent from 2008. Average yield from 52,000 harvested acres was 1,250 pounds per acre, an increase of 300 pounds from 2008. Austrian Winter Pea production in Idaho totaled 96,000 cwt, up 71 percent from 2008. Average yield was 1,600 pounds per acre from 6,000 harvested acres.

Canola production totaled 24.7 million pounds from 14,500 harvested acres. This compares to 29.0 million pounds from 21,500 harvested acres in 2008.

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December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2009 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 53.7 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's 47.2 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 25.5 million bushels, up 28 percent from last year's 20.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 28.2 million bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2008. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 38.5 million bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 16.0 million bushels, up 39 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 22.5 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year's 21.7 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2009 totaled 1.77 billion bushels, up 24 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 559 million bushels, up 23 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.21 billion bushels, are up 25 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 203 million bushels, up 18 percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks are estimated at 115 million bushels, 49 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 88.5 million bushels, are 8 percent below December 2008. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 110 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2008. Of the total stocks on hand, 43.2 million bushels are stored on farms, up 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 67.3 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 10.9 billion bushels, up 9 percent from December 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 7.45 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 15 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are down 3 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2009, and the change from December 1, 2008 are: dry edible peas, 10.7 million cwt, up 55 percent; lentils, 2.67 million cwt, up 61 percent; Austrian winter peas, 119,000 cwt, up 80 percent; All chickpeas, 875,000 cwt, down 18 percent; small chickpeas, 303,000 cwt, up 98 percent; and large chickpeas, 572,000 cwt, down 37 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Spearmint and Peppermint for Oil Production

Idaho's spearmint production for 2009 totaled 144,000 pounds, down 11 percent from the previous year's 162,000 pounds. Harvested acreage, at 1,200, was unchanged from 2008. Average yield was 120 pounds per acre, down 15 pounds from the previous year.

Idaho's peppermint production for 2009 was estimated at 1.63 million pounds, up 16 percent from 2008 production. Harvested acreage, at 16,300 is up 2,300 acres from 2008. Average yield, at 100 pounds per acre is unchanged from 2008.

Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 13 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seeded area for the 2010 crop is estimated at 780,000 acres, up 5 percent from the 740,000 acres seeded for the 2009 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat seeded area for 2010 is estimated at 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1913. Seeding began last August and by mid-September was behind the 5-year average. The late row crop harvest and wet weather delayed planting in most States. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 64 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent the previous year.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2008-2009

State	Area Harvested 1/		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,410	1,510	Tons	3.96	3.66	5,588	5,528
Alfalfa Hay	1,130	1,140	Tons	4.40	4.20	4,972	4,788
All Haylage and Greenchop	82	80	Tons	14.25	10.04	1,169	803
Canola 3/	-	14.5	Lbs	-	1,700	-	24.7
Corn for Grain	80	80	Bu.	170.0	180.0	13,600	14,400
Corn for Silage	215	215	Tons	27.0	27.5	5,805	5,913
Winter Wheat	800	700	Bu.	75.0	81.0	60,000	56,700
Spring Wheat	520	530	Bu.	72.0	77.0	37,440	40,810
Durum Wheat	10	20	Bu.	73.0	81.0	730	1,620
Barley	580	510	Bu.	86.0	95.0	49,880	48,450
Oats	20	25	Bu.	69.0	78.0	1,380	1,950
Potatoes	304	319	Cwt	383	411	116,475	131,000
Sugarbeets	116.0	163.0	Tons	31.2	34.3	3,619	5,591
Dry Beans 2/	79	99	Cwt	1,850	2,000	1,462	1,980
Dry Edible Peas 2/	36	41	Cwt	1,500	1,900	540	779
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	4	6	Cwt	1,400	1,600	56	96
Lentils 2/	37	52	Cwt	950	1,250	352	650
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All Hay	60,152	59,755	Tons	2.43	2.47	146,270	147,442
Alfalfa Hay	21,060	21,227	Tons	3.33	3.35	70,180	71,030
All Haylage and Greenchop	4,552	4,492	Tons	7.09	7.02	32,290	31,512
Canola	989.0	814.0	Lbs	1,461	1,811	1,445	1,474
Corn for Grain	78,570	79,630	Bu.	153.9	165.2	12,091,648	13,151,062
Corn for Silage	5,965	5,605	Tons	18.7	19.3	111,619	108,209
Winter Wheat	39,608	34,485	Bu.	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718
Spring Wheat	13,517	12,955	Bu.	40.5	45.1	548,004	584,411
Durum Wheat	2,574	2,428	Bu.	32.6	44.9	83,827	109,042
Barley	3,779	3,113	Bu.	63.6	73.0	240,193	227,323
Oats	1,400	1,379	Bu.	63.7	67.5	89,135	93,081
Potatoes	1,046.9	1,045.0	Cwt	396	413	415,055	431,425
Sugarbeets	1,004.5	1,145.3	Tons	26.8	25.8	26,881	29,519
Dry Beans 2/	1,445.2	1,463.0	Cwt	1,768	1,733	25,558	25,360
Dry Edible Peas 2/	847.3	837.9	Cwt	1,448	2,045	12,270	17,137
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	8.0	13.7	Cwt	1,300	1,328	104	182
Lentils 2/	261	407	Cwt	917	1,440	2,393	5,859

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 3/Idaho estimates began in 2009.

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